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MRS. CORNELIUS IGNORED IN VANDERBILT WEDDING

Slighted by the Vanderbilts, Though Her Husband Was Asked to Newport Wedding—He Won't Attend the Nuptials.

(Special to The Evening World.)
NEWPORT, Jan. 12.—The most sensational fore-runner of the Vanderbilt-French wedding on Monday next is the rumor that Cornelius Vanderbilt, disinherited brother of the bridegroom, will not attend the ceremony. That he has been invited is positively stated by the friends of the family; but, at the same time it is quietly whispered that his wife, who was Miss Grace Wilson, of New York City, has received no invitation.
Cornelius Vanderbilt would naturally resent bitterly such a slight placed upon his wife, and the wedding, which was expected to harmonize all differences in the house of Vanderbilt, if report be true, will only serve to irreparably widen the breach.
"I am an estate positively that Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt has been invited to the wedding Monday," said a close friend of the family to The Evening World correspondent this afternoon. "Whether Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt has received an invitation I cannot say, and that is entirely a family matter, which I am not privileged to discuss."
When young Cornelius Vanderbilt married Miss Wilson there was a sudden shift in the vast fortune which he was to have inherited. His brother, Alfred Gwynne, became favorite heir. No marriage ever wrought such a change financially. No marriage ever brought about such a bitter family division. And now it appears that the coming regal ceremony will accomplish an absolute estrangement.

STREET SWEEPER'S WIT SAVES MISS FRENCH.

While Driving Her Horses Got Beyond Control on a Slippery Hill.
(Special to The Evening World.)
NEWPORT, Jan. 12.—The quick wit of a Newport street sweeper saved Mr. Vanderbilt and Miss French from an accident while being driven in their carriage on Pelham street. The steep hill there is a glare of ice, and the horses in descending it lost control of themselves. They were sliding rapidly down the hill when the sweeper saw the danger and threw a few shovelfuls of sand for the horses' path. They regained their footing and the carriage was brought to a standstill.
Mr. Vanderbilt is the most bashful bridegroom-elect in history. He shrinks from the ceremony on Monday with all the terrors of the unfortunate individual afflicted with stage fright.
It is a fact that until today he did not notify the Rev. Mr. Beattie, the pastor of the church, that he expected him to perform the ceremony on Monday which will unite Miss Elsie French to him.
Or course the pastor knew all about the wedding, but his information came from Miss Elsie French and her mother, not from Mr. Vanderbilt.
Mr. Vanderbilt postponed until late Friday afternoon the taking out of the marriage license. He dreaded even the simple ordeal of asking City Clerk Stevens for the necessary legal authority to wed Miss French. So he waited until the storm was at its height, when he and Miss French drove to the City Hall

MRS. FRENCH WON'T DENY VANDERBILT FEUD STORY.

The Evening World called up Mrs. Francis Ormond French at her villa in Newport to-day, over the long distance telephone, and informed her of the statement that Cornelius Vanderbilt had sent no wedding present to his brother, Alfred, and that neither he nor his wife would be present at the wedding. Mrs. French was asked:
"Can you give an authoritative statement as to the truth or falsity of this report?"
"I am very sorry," replied Mrs. French, "but I can give no information whatever about this matter."

MRS. C. VANDERBILT EVADES THE QUESTION.

An Evening World reporter called at the residence of Cornelius Vanderbilt, at 15 Washington Square, this afternoon. He was received by Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, to whom he showed the published statement that her husband would not attend Alfred Vanderbilt's wedding.
"Well, really," she declared, "Mr. Vanderbilt is sorry that he must decline to say anything."
"But cannot you yourself say whether you will be at the wedding or not?" asked the reporter.
At this Mrs. Vanderbilt laughed quite merrily and began a few minutes' consideration replied archly:
"Well, now, I suppose I also must not say anything," and she laughed again.

In a closed carriage, and that ordeal was soon over.
Neither could remember the birth-places of their mothers, and the blanks were left unfiled.
It tickles the cautious fancy of the conservative Rhode Islanders to see the enormous expenditure of money made by the French-Vanderbilt families. The odor of burning money is especially palatable to them when it's not their money that is affixed. And the splendor of the arrangement made by Mrs. French is great enough to dazzle any one.
To-night thirty-four favored members of the wedding party will see Harbor View in all its glories when Miss Elsie French gives her dinner to the bridesmaids and the maid of honor.
Dowry of \$3,700,000.
A close friend of the Vanderbilts and French families said to-day that Alfred Vanderbilt had settled on Miss Elsie French as her marriage portion one-tenth of his fortune—that is, \$1,700,000. The dowry is in all-edge bonds and stocks placed in securities paying 4 per cent interest, and consequently the bride's pin-money will amount to \$100,000 a year or \$12,000 a month.
Important changes in the Vanderbilts' French affairs are being made to-day by the wedding party. Telegrams were sent to New York City guests, asking most of them to come to-day instead of waiting until Sunday, as originally contemplated.
As now arranged two special trains will come to-day, one arriving in the evening, Mrs. French said to-day that the incident would undoubtedly cause some of the guests to remain away.
The prevalence of grip in an epidemic form all over the country, she said, made people cautious how they exposed themselves. A stiff northeast wind is blowing to-day. The rain is still falling.

FIREMAN RESCUED MAN INJURED IN EXPLOSION.

Charles Devereux, a bartender in a dance hall and saloon, 57 Great Jones street, was severely injured in an explosion there late this afternoon and would have been burned to death but for the bravery of Capt. O'Sullivan and Engineer Hatch, of Engine Company 23, a few doors away.
Devereux lit a candle in the cellar of the building, which was filled with gas from a leaking main. An explosion followed, and the man was thrown to the ground unconscious. A sheet of flame cut off rescuers. The two firemen plunged through the fire and dragged Devereux out. The blaze was easily extinguished.

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETS.

The special committee of five appointed by the Medical Board of Bellevue Hospital to co-operate with Commissioner John W. Keller in his investigations of Bellevue met this afternoon. Commissioner Keller attended the meeting, which was to take action in the case of Dr. John W. Moore, who was charged with negligence while in charge of the hospital at Bellevue.

\$50,500 FOR STOCK EXCHANGE SEAT.

Four memberships on the New York Stock Exchange have been posted for transfer to J. M. Hartshorn to Paul G. McIntyre, Thomas B. Roy to Frank Grant Hedge, Thomas B. Williams (deceased) to Frank S. Crump of Philadelphia. Mr. Crump is reported to have paid \$50,500 for his seat, which establishes a new high record.

RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

FIFTH RACE—Beau 1, Quite Light 2, Gracious 3.

COOL WEATHER IS ON THE WAY.

Temperature Began to Fall After the Rain.

Clear, cool weather is announced to follow the passing of the rain storms which have prevailed for forty-eight hours. Sunday will be bright, but the mercury will not fall below the freezing point. Brisk westerly winds will prevail. It will be a Fall day in mid-Winter.
Snow is talked of in a reminiscent way around the Weather Bureau. It is a possibility here of course, but hardly an immediate probability with rising temperatures throughout the north and west, where all the wintry weather is manufactured. The weather outlook does not hold out any comfort to those who looked to the Weather Bureau to check the grip epidemic.
The rain storm, which held on until it got to be an old friend, has passed off to the Southern New England coast. It was a Southern brother or twin rather, as two storms came at once and gave New York 1.22 inches rainfall in twenty-four hours. At 3:30 o'clock this morning the temperature was 42. The mercury began falling when the sun came out. It was 32 at noon.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Sunday for New York City and vicinity—Fair to-night and Sunday; temperature above freezing Sunday morning; fresh to brisk westerly winds.

MISS FRENCH'S GOWNS ARRIVE.

Part of Trousseau in Noordland, Which Comes in This Afternoon.

Miss Elsie French will receive that part of her trousseau that comes from Paris, in due time, for all fears of annoying delay were removed to-day when the steamer Noordland was sighted off Fire Island at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon.
It brings her several trunks full of garments to delight the heart of a bride, most important among them a superb bride's dress, gown, to be worn by Miss French at her faraway wedding by her maiden friends. The trunks also contain a large assortment of lingerie made to order.
Among other things, a stunning going-away garment made of broadcloth and designed by Worth. There are also several morning suits, dainty negligees, matinee and evening dresses of Parisian high-heeled boots, slippers and alpaca shoes, and an entire wardrobe of dinner and reception gowns.

THREW PURSE OVERBOARD.

Husband Tried to Toss It to Wife Aboard Ship.

A series of amusing incidents attending the departure of the North German Lloyd line steamer Kaiserin Maria Theresia to-day greatly interested those on the vessel.
Frank Elery and wife, of Philadelphia, arrived at the pier and after leaving their baggage in the cabin discovered that their trunk was missing. Elery declared that she would not sail without the trunk. There was a consultation of officials and Mrs. Elery agreed to go on board while her husband remained on the pier to look out for the baggage. Mr. Elery had his baggage taken off the vessel.
When sailing time came he called to his wife to come ashore, as they would not sail. Then Mrs. Elery changed her mind and declared that she would sail anyway.
Just as the gangway was going two carriages dashed down the pier and landed aboard the vessel. The passengers had gone to Brooklyn, thinking the vessel a safe place to wait. Just as the gangway had been taken in one of the late arrivals discovered that she had left her pocketbook with her husband on the pier.
"John," she called, "you have my pocketbook in your pocket?"
A stout man on the dock reached in his pocket and pulled out a fat wallet. He attempted to throw it away board, but only succeeded in pitching it into the water. At this time the vessel was moving. There was a rush with passengers to get the pocketbook. One man was let down on a rope and succeeded in fishing it out. This time it was thrown on board.

KILLED HIMSELF WITH HOT TEA.

August Braun Had Tried Other Means of Suicide.

August Braun had tried suicide by other methods, but had always been unsuccessful. Death eluded him and he began to despair of ever accomplishing his desire until to-day when a novel idea struck him. It was the last desperate effort, but it succeeded. He scooped himself to death with tea.
Braun was twenty-six years old and had been weak-minded for some time. His home was with his parents at 31 Withers street, Brooklyn. Because of his mental condition he was constantly under the eye of some member of the family.
He was very moody this morning and sat in the kitchen watching the preparations for breakfast. His eyes lighted on the steam from the spout of which the steam came in feather-like spirals.
His wife's back was turned. He moved with the quickness of a cat, and in the time one turned he had reached the stove. The question that was asked was scarcely framed by her lips when Braun swung the teapot in the air.
Raising his head, he poured over it the entire scalding contents. It was all done in an instant, and when other members of the family ran in, attracted by the terrified cry of the woman, Braun lay on the floor unconscious. He died an hour later from the shock.

---BISHOP POTTER.

MRS. H. GOULD'S LANGTRY GOWN.



MRS. HOWARD GOULD.

She will Have to Wear It Before a Jury, Court Says.

Mrs. Howard Gould will have to wear the "Langtry" gowns for which she refuses to pay before a jury and decide whether they are a proper fit.
This ordeal is involved in a decision of the General Term of the City Court which reverses an order of Justice MacCall on Oct. 17, sending the case to Judge Henry W. Bookstaver for reference.
Jacob Marks, of 170 Broadway, attorney for Mary P. Smith and Margaretta Dillon, dressmakers, of 7 West Forty-fifth street, has asked that the case be set down for trial on Feb. 5.
Between Nov. 1, 1898, and April 5, 1900, the firm of Smith & Dillon made for Mrs. Gould the following dresses:
One white gown, \$250
A white petticoat lined with pink satin surah, \$50
A black petticoat lined with blue serge, \$40
A spangled gown, \$200
A tan cloth gown, \$225
A white lace gown, \$200
A black crepe waist, \$40
A pink crepe waist, \$40
A silk lining, \$15
A white panne velvet waist, \$35
A white crepe waist, \$40
A blue crepe waist, \$40
Four striped shirts, \$10
A red petticoat, \$15
Besides these say the dressmakers, Mrs. Gould ordered also a planted muslin Princess gown and a white embroidered battle gown, one worth \$250, the other \$225. In ordering them Mrs. Gould told the dressmakers she must have a gown like Mrs. Langtry's in "The Degenerates"; that nothing would do but she must be made to look like Mrs. Langtry.
The dresses were duly made and delivered, but Mrs. Gould returned them, alleging that they did not fit and were not made in the least in the semblance of Mrs. Langtry's gowns in "The Degenerates."
The total bill of Mrs. Gould between the dates mentioned amounted to \$2,150, which Mrs. Gould paid. The balance of \$1,175, Mr. Howard Gould refused to pay this balance, which is the subject of the present suit.
A. H. Hummel, in behalf of Mrs. Gould, will appeal from the decision.

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Reformer Prelate Thinks a Soldier Should Be Placed at the Head of City's Police Force.

Declares "Prohibition Is Pharisaism" and Talks About the Saloon as the Poor Man's Club.

Bishop Potter in answer to a question to-day declared himself as being in favor of having the Police Department reorganized by an army officer or a man with military experience. The Bishop has just returned from Philadelphia.
"This has been tried with great success in London, for instance," he said. "The Chief of Police there is a man of high social position and the department is excellently organized."
"I think the idea would be an excellent one. If an officer in active service could not be obtained, a retired officer with good record, large experience and in good health would meet the requirements. Such a man, for instance, as Gen. Park, who died a few days ago in Washington."
"He should be a man in social sympathy with the better element in the community. Military discipline would undoubtedly be a good thing for the Department."
The Bishop expressed himself as very satisfied with the progress of the reform movement. "The general progress in the movement for reform is very satisfactory, and the awakened interest of the public toward the question involved is most gratifying."
When asked whether he thought the Committee of Fifteen in their work for reform and the work that might grow out of its reform movement would get upon his suggestion that the saloon was the poor man's club and that something ought to be done to save the saloon from places where they could meet in social intercourse, with the objectionable features of the saloon of to-day left out, he said:
"That something ought to be done in that direction, most sincerely, but a little has already been done, but not enough. The saloon as we find it to-day is an absolute evil. One of the bad features of the saloon—and I think that important—is its connection with the very worst type of politics."
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SHE ACCUSES A CRUSADER.

Girl Makes a Charge Against Committee of Fifteen Agent.

Louis J. Flanders, twenty-seven years old, of 120 East One Hundred and Second street, was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Braun in the Essex Market Police Court to-day for trial in Special Sessions on charges made by Rebecca Schackman, sixteen years old, of 124 Henry street. Flanders was said to be an agent employed by the Committee of Fifteen to procure violence in the vice crusade on the east side.
He is employed as a law clerk in the office of Arthur Harris at 101 Forsyth street. He was a McCallan deputy.
The Schackman girl left home last week, but returned on Thursday. Harris, hearing of the matter, asked her to come to his employment office, hoping to get evidence for the Committee of Fifteen. Flanders Harris swore out a warrant for her arrest, that she might be committed to some institution, and she was arrested in the Essex Market Police Court this morning.
In court she made the charge against Flanders that caused his arrest. Lawyer Harris denounced the accusation as a police plot to discredit an agent of the Committee of Fifteen. Despite vigorous cross-examination, the girl stuck to her story.

NEW EXPLOSIVE PIERCES ARMOR.

Maximite Tests at Sandy Hook a Remarkable Series.

Hulson Maxim, inventor of the big explosive known as maximite, made by the Board of Ordnance at Sandy Hook said to-day:
"A 12-inch armor-piercing shell weighing 1,000 pounds was fired with seventy rounds of maximite and was fired yesterday through a 7-inch plate and passed through the plate without explosion. The object of the test was to determine whether this explosive would stand the severe shock of penetration of any armor plate, which would enable it to be fired through comparatively heavy armor. One dozen shells were broken into upward of 10,000 fragments. At least 7,000 were actually recovered and sent to the British Government, to be used by the British Government. 'Maximite' has been successfully fired through armor plates."
The maximite is an explosive of a new kind, it is made of a mixture of nitroglycerine and other chemicals, and is said to be the most powerful explosive known to science. It is said to be the most powerful explosive known to science. It is said to be the most powerful explosive known to science.

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